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Docket Management Facility
U. S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Washington, DC 20590-0001

RE: *Federal Register* notice of March 24, 2009, for Form MP-1, Annual and Quarterly Report of Class I Motor Carriers of Passengers (OMB Number: 2126-0031; Docket Number FMCSA-2009-0030)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration on form MP-1, Annual and Quarterly Report of Class I Motor Carriers of Passengers. The data collected on this form are crucial to key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA uses data from this form to prepare estimates of the personal consumption expenditures component of gross domestic product and of corporate profits in the national income and product accounts. The data are also used indirectly to estimate gross output for the transportation sector in gross domestic product by industry. The Industry program is currently developing a methodology for measuring quarterly GDP by industry statistics in which quarterly NIPA data will be crucial, as well as quarterly source data on output by industry. Quarterly NIPA statistics of PCE and corporate profits that rely on the Form MP-1 would be used in this methodology. A table of items used and their uses is attached.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to these forms. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the forms' approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Ruth Bramblett, Source Data Coordinator, on 202-606-9653 or by e-mail at Ruth.Bramblett@bea.gov. Should you need assistance in justifying these forms to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,

/s/

Dennis J. Fixler
Chief Statistician

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BEA Use of Bureau of Transportation Statistics Form MP-1		
Item	Frequency	BEA Use
6. Revenue:		
(a) Intercity regular route	annual	National income and product account (NIPA) personal consumption expenditures (PCE)
(b) Charter or special	annual	PCE
(e) Total operating revenue	annual	Gross output for the transportation sector for GDP by industry